

High Wages, Prosperity.
Censoring Prayer.
For Sale, One City.
The World's Explosions.

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Millions of shares of stock, many millions in bonds were sold in the week just ended. Prices bobbed up and down, chiefly down, as gamblers bought or sold eight shares where investors bought two shares.

Always when prices fell, the gamblers and financial writers explained that the trouble was "labor and its increasing demands."

A few years hence, after some real shaking down, when everything booms, those who now tell you that labor's demands are ruinous, will be saying wisely, "great prosperity due to prevailing high wages." The cunning big man always gets his part of the money distributed to the little man. The little man must get it before the big man can take it from him. The more the little man gets and spends, the more the cunning man puts away.

Religion being important on Sunday (it should be so always), here are two religious items that reflect the modern religious mind: Judge Bacon, of Massachusetts, decides that you may play golf on Sunday without breaking any law, if you don't keep score. You may yell "Fore" until you scare the birds, dig up the sand with your shibboleth, and ever curse demurely in a low voice for your own relief. But if you keep score, that's a game and you break the Sabbath.

The other religious item comes from Washington, D. C. The blind chaplain of the House, the blind chaplain of the House, has been warned by the Speaker of the House to keep politics out of his prayers.

Dr. Couden prayed for the League of Nations. Speaker Gillett, Republican, told him to "Let up" and let Congress and Mr. Wilson fight it out.

Dr. Couden's voice trembles when he tells reporters: "I have been chaplain of the House twenty-four years and never before told that I put politics in my prayers."

Some of the Congressmen are taking seriously this censoring of prayer. Others need not do so, for, of course, Omnipotence knows what is going on and has its opinions of the League of Nations, with or without information from Dr. Couden.

We no longer pray as the innocent minded clergyman prayed at Batavia, N. Y., beginning: "Oh Lord, as Thou hast doubtless seen by the morning papers," etc.

Having stopped using the lying machine in regular war, we are finding it useful in other ways. It is helping American soldiers to find bandits in Mexican mountains.

And up in Labrador, "timber cruisers" in logging machines are mapping out timber lands that will supply millions of tons of pulp wood for white paper.

The Government has for sale in West Virginia an entire city called Nitro. It cost seventy millions, has houses for twenty thousand people, factories, theaters, water works, sewers, all complete, with hospitals, school houses, and street car system.

How much do you think Uncle Sam will get for this seventy-million-dollar city?

What a blessing if Government would allow individuals to buy the fifteen hundred portable houses, included in the sale. Have you heard what happened when the Government sold a similar smaller piece of property? The facts given to this writer by an army officer are enlightening. A neighboring town wanted the little city as a suburb, and offered fifty thousand dollars to be paid in installments. The Government could not take payment in that way.

So it sold the miniature city to a speculator for one dollar, all cash, and he, probably, sold it to the neighboring town on the installment basis. There will be some interesting stories told when Government finishes selling to wise buyers the costliest taxpayers and bond investors thousands of millions.

A reverend doctor in London says, "The nerves of the world are on strike, he thinks, is the great trouble."

It would be more accurate to say that complications now disturbing conservatism are such as always follow great wars. War is a curse because it kills and makes men brutal. It is a blessing because it pulls men out of the rut.

When the Czar of Russia sent his troops to France, where they were cheered and had a chance to study democracy, it was pointed out in this column that trouble for the Czar would follow the return of those men from France.

When you pull men out of their rut, they begin to think, and when they begin to think, look out; they are not so easy to manage.

This country, before the war, had settled down into a nice little rut. Two dollars a day was plenty for the little man, a thousand millions was none too much for the big man.

Everything was for the best in the best possible world, as long as a few had plenty, and too much.

But thirteen million men were listed and cross-examined and made to think. Five or six millions were taken from their homes and moved somewhere else. Two

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WEATHER:
Unsettled tonight and tomorrow; local showers and thunderstorms probable tomorrow. Not much change in temperature. Temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, 74; average for past 30 years, 75.

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WASHINGTON EXCURSION WRECKED; 1 DEAD, 17 HURT

YANKS SWEEP SOUTH HOT ON TRAIL OF NEW BANDIT GANG

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 24.—The second punitive expedition of the United States army into Mexico within a week was in full action today pursuing horse thieves who raided ranches and stole stock near Fort Hancock, Tex., yesterday.

Orders from Gen. James B. Erwin, commanding the El Paso military district, were for the field commanders to recover the stock, punish the bandits, and return to American territory. Col. Francisco W. Glover went to Fabens, Tex., yesterday and will direct the operations.

Trail Is Hot.
The information given at military headquarters was that this "hot trail" had no connection with the punitive expedition into the Big Bend country under command of Colonel Langhorne.

General Erwin gave out the following statement:

"I was informed by Major Roff, Seventh Cavalry, commanding the border patrol in the El Paso-Fort Hancock sector, by telephone that armed Mexicans had stolen and driven across the border Friday afternoon stock belonging to ranchers near Fort Hancock; that he had investigated the matter, had found conditions as stated and had affidavits from reliable citizens that the facts were as represented.

"I ordered him if absolutely certain that the stock had been stolen and driven across the border by Mex-

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British Troops Revolt; Fearing Use in Russia, Refuse to Board Ship

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Three hundred soldiers of a draft of 1,200 men who had been home from France on leave refused to embark at Southampton for France and broke out of camp, according to a copyrighted dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger. The men belong principally to the Warwicks, Berkshires, and Gloucesters, and they allege that it is intended when they get back to France to fit them out for Russia.

Claim Violation of Pledge.

In the public parks. They were very orderly and gave no trouble to the civil authorities. The mayor of Southampton last night saw the men and offered to state their case to the war office and stand by them if it was found that their grievance was legitimate. He also offered to place the guild hall at their disposal and to listen to their statement, but the men declined his offer and remained in the park.

Although the soldiers had prepared to spend the night in the park, they marched back to the rest camp and are under armed escort. The rest of the draft, amounting to a considerable number of men, sailed last night.

The government, it is understood, will deal firmly with the matter. Complaints of lack of discipline in the conscript army have been frequent lately, and it is thought that there are agents at work to influence the minds of the men against fighting the Bolsheviks.

JILTED, GIRL SUES FOR \$100,000 BALM

Arrested, Says It Doesn't
Matter What She Did
With His Presents.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 24.—An aftermath of the differences of Henry M. Daingerfield and Miss Helen M. Powell, after Miss Powell's release on bail on a charge of destroying clothing belonging to Mr. Daingerfield, came yesterday in the filing of a suit for \$100,000 damages in city court. She made no statement before the judge, but was not reticent yesterday after the suit for damages had been filed. She was asked if it were true that she had destroyed Mr. Daingerfield's property.

"I will not say now whether I did," was her reply. "but, if I did it was nothing to what should be done to a fellow who tells a girl that she is to be his wife and then deserts her without cause."

Miss Powell, who is an attractive blond, adjusted her hat at a new angle and in doing so attracted attention to a platinum ring on the third finger of her left hand. "That's the wedding ring he bought for me," she said. "And it is not the only present Mr. Daingerfield gave me," she declared. A gold meshbag, and a string of beads had been given her, she said, and he was negotiating for a large diamond ring, which he was to give her as an engagement ring.

YANKS FOR SILESIA TO BE ASKED OF U. S.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—The American commission investigating the situation in Silesia, it was learned here today, will request the Government at Washington for authority to send American troops to Silesia, as it is regarded here as certain that the Germans will agree to allied occupation of the territory immediately.

SIX-HOUR MINE DAY URGED.
BERLIN, Aug. 24.—International agreement to establish a six-hour working day in all coal regions of the world will be urged by Germany if the report by the commission investigating conditions in the Ruhr coal fields is adopted. This commission is working on a plan to institute a six-hour work day in all Germany by February 1, 1920.

ARMY FOOD CUTS N. Y. LIVING COST

Surplus Sales and Fair Price
List Helps Reduce
High Profits.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The back of the high cost of living here has been broken, or at least badly bent, by the sale of army foodstuffs and the fixing of fair prices in retail stores by Food Administrator Arthur Williams.

Next week, he announced today, an effort will be made to have the butcher fix a reasonable price on various cuts of meats, and it is also probable an effort will be made to establish prices on fish.

United States District Attorney Ben A. Mathews, has concluded his investigation of stores of food discovered throughout the city by firemen on inspection tours, and in cases where he has found the food to be illegally hoarded with intent to obtain exorbitant profits he will present the facts to the United States district court with a request that the stuff be thrown upon the open market.

In the past three days more than \$150,000 worth of food has been sold directly to housewives from the army supplies.

BOMBS FOUND AFTER YEAR IN POSTOFFICE

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Government employees in the "dead letter" division of the Chicago postoffice congratulated themselves today. An infernal machine, lying in the office for nearly a year, was discovered by a clerk.

Neatly wrapped in a small box, it was complete with an alarm clock, sulphuric acid, a mysterious substance not yet analyzed, and a small blitzer. The postmark showed it was mailed from Albany, N. Y., in November, 1918. Upon a small slip of paper inside the package was written "Just wet this blotter with acid and get rid of it quick. Send it to Jake and get your pay."

LEAGUE OF SMALL NATIONS PROPOSED

GENEVA, Aug. 24.—Germany is the prime mover in a plan to found a league of small nations, according to information reaching the Journal de Geneve from its Munich correspondent.

The Germans hope to persuade Russia, Austria, and Hungary to join the league, and later Italy and Japan.

GUAM ONLY HOPE OF U. S. IN PACIFIC, IS NAVY BELIEF

The proper and necessary answer to the taking and development of the Caroline Islands by Japan is to proceed immediately with a modern fortification of the American Island of Guam, according to prominent navy officers.

It became known today that the most prominent navy officers are of the opinion that the fortification of Guam should have been commenced soon after the United States fleet went around the world during the Roosevelt administration. The subject has been discussed at length by the General Navy Board, and the latest developments make it a subject of prime importance at this time.

Shantung Action Important.
Foremost among the developments is the fact that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has recommended that German rights in the Shantung Peninsula be restored to China and not given to Japan.

What the navy officers have in mind is that the United States should do at Guam what it did at Manila: fortify it to the limit and make it a base not only for commerce, but for as many warships and as of great tonnage as the necessities of any case might warrant. Without such a base in the Pacific, between the United States and the Philippines, Japan would have control by reason of her occupation of the Caroline Islands, it is pointed out.

HUNGARY RIFE WITH POGROMS AND FAMINE

VIENNA, Aug. 24.—Conditions of extreme unrest prevail throughout Hungary today. Pogroms have reached alarming numbers. Port of the population is suffering from lack of food and political intrigue is at its height.

The Rumanians, who first inspired the pogrom agitation, have not issued a proclamation opposing it. American representatives have ascertained that the Rumanians are seizing cattle at infinitesimal prices and reselling the stock at a treble price. Without such a base in the Pacific, between the United States and the Philippines, Japan would have control by reason of her occupation of the Caroline Islands, it is pointed out.

Hungarian workmen, discouraged by the state of affairs, are leaving the trades unions, and organizing on a nationalist basis.

BATHING WIDOW, ALL IN BLACK, STIRS ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 24.—The "bathing widow" is the latest, and even the black bench habitues have shown a new interest. Two handsome blondes a day or two ago invaded the beach throngs garbed in mourning costumes out of course, in bathing suit style. The erpe vella were of jet black and pinned back from the sides of snug little bathing caps, and permitted to float backward to the wearers' waistlines.

A narrow edging of white was visible around the bottom of the caps in front. The rest of the attire was of black, with black silk hose. Eager eyes watched to see what effect the waves would have upon the outfit, but the mourning maids were too wise to venture nearer than ten feet from the tiniest wavelet.

What They'll Investigate Herewith Is Presented For the First Time the Complete Plans For the Survey By Congress of Conditions In Washington

An old-time municipal housecleaning, such as the District of Columbia has not known since the birth of the organic act in 1878, will begin within the next few days under the auspices of the House District of Columbia Committee.

Chairman Carl E. Mapes, of the House District Committee, and Congressman Ben Johnson of Kentucky, ranking minority member of the committee, will go before the House Rules Committee tomorrow and ask that an immediate report be made on the Mapes resolution, giving the committee or any of its subcommittees carte blanche in a cellar-to-garret investigation of District affairs.

A subcommittee of five, with Congressman Norman J. Gould of New York as chairman, has been named to conduct the investigation.

Some of the most important phases of the investigation and the order in which they will be made follows:

- Most Important Phases.**
- 1—Salaries of the officers and men of the Police Department. The entire House District Committee has already gone on record as favoring an increase in salaries of all members of the department.
 - 2—The City Policemen's Union. The action of the District Commissioners in opposing any union that is affiliated with any national labor organization will no doubt be upheld by the Congressional committee.
 - 3—Salary increases for members of the Fire Department. Pay in the Fire Department is less than that in the Police Department. The subcommittee is going to inquire into the causes of a peculiar situation here, viz., that while there are approximately eighty vacancies in the Police Department, there is a waiting list in the Fire Department, where the pay is less.
 - 4—The "official conduct, acts, omissions and delinquencies" of Major Raymond Pullman, Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Department.
 - 5—The activities of the legislative committee of the new policemen's union. The committee will investigate certain representatives who have recently spent considerable time in the House (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

U. S. AID IS ASKED IN MUMM DIVORCE

Beauty Starts Fight to Share
in Millions of Her German
Husband.

Aid of the United States Government is being sought for Mrs. Frances Scovel de Mumm, noted beauty, formerly of Kansas, in her fight for a divorce and a share in the millions of Walter de Mumm, her German husband, from whom she was separated soon after the war began.

Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas today is preparing to call for an early vote on his special resolution to restore the American citizenship of Mrs. de Mumm, who became a German subject when she was married in London in 1913.

Mrs. de Mumm, in Paris, is anxiously waiting for Congress to act. With her citizenship restored, Mrs. de Mumm, her friends say, will be prepared to begin a legal battle that will involve action in France, Germany, Switzerland and America.

Mrs. de Mumm's attorneys met representatives of her husband in Switzerland and arranged a separation agreement under which the wife was to receive \$10,000 monthly during the war plus \$1,400 monthly while her child was living with her.

Last spring Mrs. de Mumm managed to get her divorce suit filed in a German court, where it now is pending.

PRESIDENT TO SEND AIR NOTE TO WALES

A note of welcome to the Prince of Wales, transported by airplane from Mineola Field, N. Y., to Toronto, will be sent by President Wilson tomorrow. The note will be carried by Capt. J. M. Foote, a test pilot of an airplane concern.

At Toronto, Captain Foote will take aboard the Prince's reply to President Wilson's letter and relay it to Mineola, where the regular mail plane will receive it and rush it to Washington.

TREATY VICTORY BY OCT. 1 IS PREDICTED

Democrats Also Forecast Compact Will Be Ratified
Without Amendment.

Reserving their fire for delivery on the Senate floor, Democratic members of the Foreign Relations Committee believe they now have the country behind them in their fight to force speedy ratification of the peace treaty without amendment or reservations.

President Wilson's conference with committeemen at the White House is believed to have won approval throughout the country for the treaty as written.

With the hope that the treaty will be reported to the Senate late this week, Administration leaders also believe the President's conference will have the cumulative effect of swinging into line many Republican Senators heretofore regarded as "mild reservationists."

Ratification of the treaty without amendment by October 1, is being predicted by Administration leaders. Democratic Senators this week will withhold all debate on amendments in the Foreign Relations Committee to speed action. They will content themselves merely with voting against more than 100 amendments to be offered by Senators Fall, Borah, Knox and Lodge.

This, Democrats figure, will let the treaty on the Senate floor late this week. Then the Democrats will unleash their heavy artillery to make the strongest fight of which they are capable to defeat all amendments reported by the committee. Amendments will be voted on by the committee Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

14-LB. GOLD NUGGET FOUND BY ANZAC RABBIT CATCHER

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 24.—A rabbit catcher in Mudgee, New South Wales, while robbing a hen's nest, stumbled on what he found to be a nugget, fourteen pounds in weight, says a copyrighted dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

It was in the shape of a maltese cross and practically pure gold.

ONE SECTION CRASHES INTO ANOTHER NEAR ELWOOD, N. J.

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 24.—One Washingtonian was killed and seventeen others were injured in a rear-end collision on the Pennsylvania railroad at Elwood, N. J., early this morning, when the fourth section of a Washington-Baltimore-Atlantic City excursion train plowed into section three, standing at the station.

The dead:
O. S. Wathan, thirty years old, of 810 G street southeast, Washington.

The injured:
H. M. Millman, 35 years old, 431 21st street northwest, back injured.

L. S. Holton, 21 years old, 100 3rd street northeast, side and back injured.

A. J. Grow, 35 years old, 818 E street northeast, back and head injured.

Mrs. Buford C. Leo, 218 D street northwest, knee injured.

Mrs. Schewer, 28 years old, 241, Florida avenue northwest, knee hurt.

Emily D. Reader, 42 years old, 382 Elm street, stomach injured.

H. M. King, 24 years old, Hunter Station, Arlington, Va., left leg injured.

Henry P. Rogers, 32 years old, 1419 Cohen street northwest, injured and suffering from shock.

Rodgers could not be found in the city directory and there is no Cohen street in Washington.

C. W. Doremus, 24 years old, 146 Quincy street northeast, head injured.

Caraway Bell, twenty-two years old, 613 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, Metropolitan Hotel, knee injured.

Mrs. Jesse Brown, 1432 E street northwest, the Norton; back injured.

Miss Edith Hanger, eighteen years old, 119 Fifth street northeast; lacerated forehead.

Erwin Kling, thirty-one years old, 436 Virginia avenue; arm hurt.

Mrs. Hattie Brown, thirty-five years old, 950 R street northwest; leg hurt.

Mrs. L. W. Fitzgerald, 42 years old, 1105 P street northwest, leg and knee injured.

Miss Jennie Cassidy, 20 years old, 1215 K street northwest, contusions on body.

Ralph Townsend, 30 years old, of Camden, N. J., engineer of train.

Left Last Night.
Section No. 3 left Washington last night at 9:54 o'clock, with R. J. Townsend, one of the injured, as engineer.

Section No. 4 left the same station at 10:50 o'clock. Both trains were crowded to capacity with capital excursionists. Seven hundred Washingtonians were on the two trains.

Nearing Atlantic City, Section No. 3 was held at Elwood, N. J., a signal station eighteen miles from the resort, for orders.

Section No. 4 was following the train closely.

While standing at the station, the crew of the first section noticed the headlights of the following train bearing down upon the helpless excursionists.

Frantic efforts were made to signal.

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